

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2923–S3004

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 621–635, and S. Con. Res. 29. **Pages S2978–79**

Campaign Finance Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 27, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2923–72**

Adopted:

Hagel Amendment No. 146 (Division II), to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide meaningful campaign finance reform through requiring better reporting, decreasing the role of soft money, and increasing individual contribution limits. (By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 50), Senate earlier failed to table Division II of the amendment.) **Pages S2923–43**

Rejected:

Hagel Amendment No. 146 (Division I), to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide meaningful campaign finance reform through requiring better reporting, decreasing the role of soft money, and increasing individual contribution limits. (By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 49), Senate tabled Division I of the amendment.) **Pages S2923–42**

Hagel Amendment No. 146 (Division III), to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide meaningful campaign finance reform through requiring better reporting, decreasing the role of soft money, and increasing individual contribution limits. (By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 51), Senate tabled Division III of the amendment.) **Pages S2923–43**

By 30 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 52), Kerry Amendment No. 148, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide partial public financing for Senate candidates who abide by voluntary spending limits. **Pages S2944–57**

Pending:

Specter Amendment No. 140, to provide findings regarding the current state of campaign finance laws

and to clarify the definition of electioneering communication. **Page S2923**

Thompson Amendment No. 149, to modify and index contribution limits. **Pages S2958–72**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Thompson Amendment No. 149 (listed above) to the bill, at 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, March 28, 2001, with a vote to occur thereon, at approximately 9:45 a.m. **Page S3004**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting covering calendar year 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–14) **Page S2975**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–15) **Pages S2975–76**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Argeo Paul Cellucci, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Canada. **Page S3004**

Executive Communications: **Pages S2976–78**

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Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S2981–S3002**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2979–81**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S3002–04**

Additional Statements: **Pages S2974–75**

Authority for Committees: **Page S3004**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S3004**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—52) **Pages S2942–43, S2957**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 8:13 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, March 28, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3004.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the progress the Department of Agriculture has made in implementing the research provisions of the 1996 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act and the 1998 Agricultural Research, Extension and Education Reform Act, in preparation for the 2002 Farm Bill, after receiving testimony from, Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, Floyd P. Horn, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, and Victor L. Lechtenber, Chair, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, all of the Department of Agriculture; Jon Caspers, Swaledale, Iowa, on behalf of the National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research; Jay Lemmermen, Southeast Milk, Inc., Ocala, Florida, on behalf of the Animal Agriculture Coalition; Richard E. Stuckey, Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, and Frederick L. Kirschenmann, Iowa State University Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, both of Ames, Iowa; G. Philip Robertson, Michigan State University W. K. Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners, on behalf of the National Research Council; and David Chicoine, University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana, and Bobby R. Phills, Florida A & M University College of Engineering Sciences, Technology and Agriculture, Tallahassee, both on behalf of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: MILITARY STRATEGY AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on military strategy and operational requirements, after receiving testimony from Adm. Dennis C. Blair, USN, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Southern Command; and Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, USA, Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command and Commander, U.S. Forces Korea.

INFORMATION WARFARE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities met in closed session to receive a briefing on information warfare and other threats to critical United States information systems.

WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water held hearings to examine environmental issues related to water and wastewater infrastructure needs, such as building and maintaining the facilities, in order to deliver safe drinking water and to treat wastewater, receiving testimony from Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; J. R. Sandoval, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Boise; David B. Struhs, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee; Harry T. Stewart, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Concord; Allen Biaggi, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City; Mayor Bruce Tobey, Gloucester, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National League of Cities and Water Infrastructure Network; Janice A. Beecher, Beecher Policy Research, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of the H2O Coalition; and Paul D. Schwartz, Clean Water Action, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

LONG-TERM CARE AFFORDABILITY

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on proposed legislation that would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term care needs, receiving testimony from Carol V. O'Shaughnessy, Specialist in Social Legislation, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Care Issues, General Accounting Office; Steven Lutzky, District of Columbia Department of Health/Office on Disabilities and Aging, Washington, D.C.; Gail Gibson Hunt, National Alliance for Caregiving, Bethesda, Maryland; Lisa Maria B. Alecxih, Lewin Group, Inc., Falls Church, Virginia; and Bill Kays, Vienna, Virginia, on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Grant S. Green, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Management.